

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 December 57 01/0430Z	2. LOCATION Duluth, Minnesota
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  The sighting took place in 1957 and has just been reported to the Air Force. Sighting is too old to investigate and information presented is insufficient for evaluation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



No Case (Information Only)

30 December 1957  
Drakestown, New Jersey

Another New Jersey Little-man Case, Drakestown, December 30; Jules hopes to check up;  
sounds promising; little men said to be luminous, and green! 11/30/57



NO CASE INFO: ONLY

SOURCE: SPACE CRAFT DIGEST - SPRING - 1956

31 DEC 1957

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - 31 December, '57 ... a report by a Swedish officer of a shining object traveling on a spiral course toward the Moon was under examination at Sweden's defense headquarters Monday.

The best guess so far seems to be that it might have something to do with the USSR satellite or middle experiment, a staff officer said.

"We know that it is no airplane, nor any meteorological balloon," he said. "And the Stockholm Observatory has told us that it is no meteor."

He said the observation was made Sunday by a Swedish army captain at Kortedala, near Goteborg, on the Swedish west coast.

"The captain reported he watched the object through his field glasses for 20 minutes."

"We are taking this report seriously since it came from a competent observer. All details are being forwarded to the FGA (scientific research institute of Sweden's armed forces)."

"The captain described the object as a FLATTENED SPHERE circling moonwards."

"Its sides were somewhat elongated and there was a flickering glow as if from burning exhaust gases from one side."

The Swedish defense staff spokesman said the captain had not been able to estimate the altitude but had reported the "object moved one degree a second on the scale of his field glasses."

From his position at Kortedala the captain saw the object in a S.S.W. direction.

The object was certainly not possibly Sputnik, as it is outside all possible schedules, the spokesman concluded.

So ends this Swedish army report of what most open-minded observers would say is an amazing UFO report.

STOCKHOLM  
SWEDEN



1 - 10 JANUARY 1958 BIG WINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Jen	Uruguay	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1-9	River Forest, Illinois	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Aircraft
2	Tuntsville, Alabama	[REDACTED] - Hoffer	Astro (METEOR)
2	Scott AFB, Centralia, Illinois	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
2	Millboro, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Other (Ground Light)
2	Tachikawa, Yokota, Japan	Military	Astro (METEOR)
2	Woodridge, England	Military	Astro (VENUS)
2	Yosemite, Kentucky	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
2	N of New Orleans, Louisiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
2	Boise, Idaho	Civilian	Insufficient Data
3	Houston, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
3	W of Marietta, Georgia	Military	Aircraft
3	Old Westbury, Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (MISINTERPRETATION)
3	Le Compté, Forest Hill, Louisiana	Multi	Astro (VENUS)
3	Rushville, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
4	Mankato, Kansas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
4	Over SW Libya	Military (Vis & RADAR)	Astro (METEOR)
4	Tachikawa, Yokota, Japan	Military	Astro (METEOR)
4	Chattanooga, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	University City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Great Neck, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
7	Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]	Falloon
8	Deland, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
8	Harbor Springs, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
9	Itazuke AB, Japan	Military	Astro (METEOR)
9	Biggs AFB, El Paso, Texas	Military (RADAR)	Other (BIRDS)
9-12	Labor City, N. C./Wright Field, S.C.	Multi	Astro (VENUS)
10	Green Castle, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
10	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
10	Tampa, Florida	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
10	O'Fallon, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
10	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED BIG WINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
1953	Utica, New York	[REDACTED] (Ltr)	
Jan 58	Undersea	[REDACTED]	
	Honolulu, Hawaii	[REDACTED]	







Mr. [redacted]

Colorado, Springs

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Colorado  
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wanted to send you the name of the  
man at Crookston, but can't find the clipping  
just now. Mr. [redacted] in Duluth might  
have mentioned me to you.



# Venus Is Christmas Star

The ascent moon and the planet Venus will be close together on December 24, making a brilliant pair that lights a Christmas sky.

JAMES HICKLEY

\* The 1990s are still a decade of economic change. The place of the family is being redefined. It is a challenge during this decade to create a new family paradigm for the 21st century.

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### Dog-Star Is Brightest

Brightest of these stars is Sirius, the Dog Star, or *Canis Minor*, the great dog, whose near proximity to the horizon, if seen in low latitude causes a partial diminution of its glow. Later in the night it shines higher in the southern sky and is then an even brighter picture.

in the latter letters scale 4 star brighter than Sirius is a magnitude lower (1.4) than in the first two, and the star is not as bright as the magnitude 3.5 claim-  
ed by Young, however, it is relatively  
near the magnitude of 0.0 point is  
near 1.4. With such a range of stars  
right in between.

In this group of two broad strokes of the first magnitude, the ground is the first and second, the lower and the upper. Between them is a line of three strokes, the first of which is the first stroke of the second stroke, the second stroke of the second stroke, and the third stroke of the second stroke.

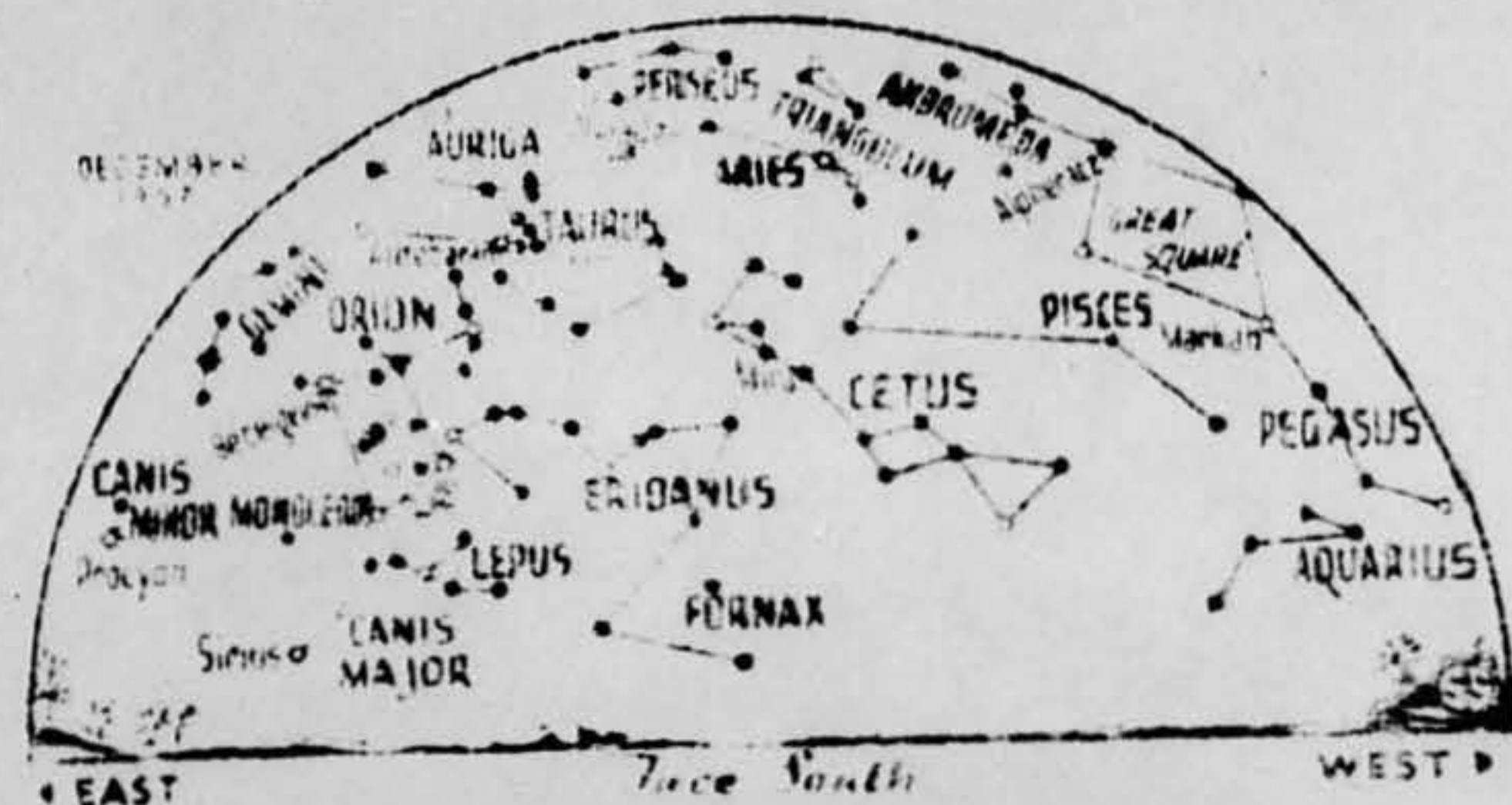
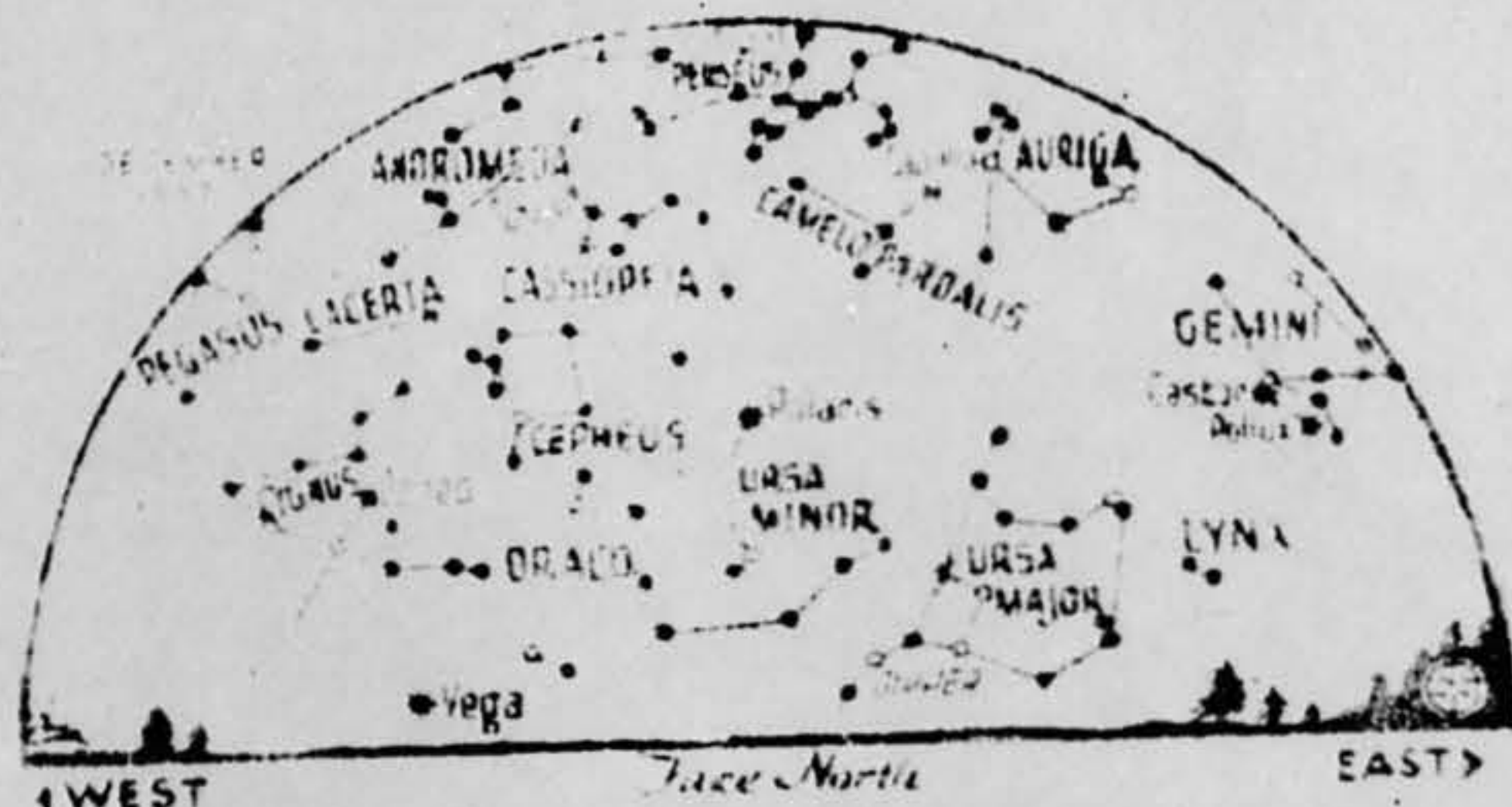
from eq. (15)  $\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\ln \alpha}{d\ln t}$  and  $\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\ln \alpha}{d\ln t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\ln \alpha}{d\ln t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\ln \alpha}{d\ln t}$ .

of the constellation is the brightest star,  $\alpha$ , also known as Rigel. It is a  $B_8$  supergiant, and the left of Betelgeuse is Antares, the only star with the same spectral type as the sun. The star  $\gamma$ , Rigel, is the second brightest.

Descending from Capella, we come to Gamma, the twins, with the stars called Proxima and Pollux, of which the latter is the brighter. And between Gamma and Alpha Major stands Beta Minor, the lesser of the two Procyon is the brightest star.

Other toward the southwest are found the remains of the constellations of the autumn evening. Near the horizon is seen on the maps, or higher if it is earlier in the evening, is Vega, about 40° due is seen a star, the late. Above and to the left is Magnus, the same with Delta. When Vega and Delta only are visible, the late stars, their low altitude makes them very faint.

At 4:50 a. m. at the beginning of the storm and 1:15 a. m. at the end, the planet Jupiter appears in the southwest, in Virgo the Virgin. Its height above the horizon is the same as that of Saturn, Mars, or the second magnitude.



• • • SYMBOLS FOR STARS IN ORDER OF BRIGHTNESS

Use the amount two hours before the start of taking the scales.

11. On Christmas eve, when the crescent moon is standing nearby, you look at Venus through a telescope, you will find that it also is in a crescent phase.

### Crescent Venus

It will not be quite as thin a crescent as that of the moon, but more like the moon some two days later, or about five days after it is new.

The reason for the lunar phases is found in the fact that, as the moon revolves around the earth, it presents to our view varying amounts of its illuminated hemisphere.

At new, it is practically between the sun and us; the sunlit half is entirely turned away and we see nothing. But a few days later, as the moon swings eastward from the direction of the sun, it remains in the western sky for a while after the sun has set. A narrow sliver of the bright half then appears to us, as a crescent. Then, as it swings still farther away from the sun, half, three-quarters, and finally all, of the sunlit side is presented to us, bringing the full moon.

This takes about two weeks. During the next two weeks the changes occur in reverse order, and the moon is new once again.

Something similar happens to Venus.

# UNIVERSE



Like the moon, it has no light of its own but is illuminated by the sun, so that one half is bright and the opposite half dark.

Last April 14 it was out beyond the sun, with the entire bright hemisphere turned earthwards. Since then it has been moving and is now coming between the earth and sun. Thus, most of its sunlit hemisphere is turned away, and we have a crescent phase.

On Jan. 28 it will be, nearly, directly between us and the sun, and this will correspond to new moon. After that it will become a crescent again, visible in the morning sky before sunrise.

Unlike the moon, Venus is always so far away that only through a telescope are its phases visible.

The phases of Venus differ from those of the moon in another respect.

As the moon travels around the earth, its distance does not change very greatly, only from about 221,000 miles to 253,000 miles.

Thus there is no great change in its apparent size, and the diameter of the full moon is about the same as when it is in a narrow crescent phase. But when Venus is full it is out far beyond the sun, about 160,000,000 miles away. Just before Christmas it will be less than 40,000,000 miles away, and on Jan. 28 its distance will be about 26,000,000 miles. Thus, as it gets near the "new" phase, it is much larger, seemingly, in the sky.

That is why it is brightest when a crescent. Although less than half of the bright side is visible to us, its proximity more than makes up for this, and the part we can see fills the largest area of the sky. Then it is at the greatest brilliance.

### Winter Arrives

On Dec. 21 the sun, which has apparently been traveling southward in the sky since last June, reaches its southernmost point. This is the winter solstice—the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere—and it occurs at 9:49 p. m., EST.

At that moment the sun will be directly over a point near the eastern edge of the Ararat Desert, which is in Australia, on the border between Queensland and the Northern Territory. In Australia, and other southern countries, the sun will be high in the sky, marking summer's beginning.

### Celestial Time Table for December Dec. EST

- 1 6:10 p.m. Algol (variable star in Perseus) at minimum brightness.
- 7 1:16 a.m. Full moon.
- 8 10:00 p.m. Saturn on far side of sun, distance 8,030,000,000 miles.
- 13 early a.m. Gemina meteor shower, meteors apparently radiating from constellation of Gemini.
- midnight Moon nearest earth, distance 230,100 miles.
- 14 12:49 a.m. Moon in first quarter.
- 16 12:57 p.m. Moon passes Jupiter.
- 18 2:15 a.m. Algol at minimum.
- 3:56 p.m. Moon passes Mars.
- 20 11:00 p.m. Algol at minimum.
- 23 1:12 a.m. New Moon.
- 9:49 p.m. Winter commences in Northern Hemisphere.
- 21 7:53 p.m. Algol at minimum.
- 11:00 p.m. Venus at greatest brilliancy.
- 24 1:37 p.m. Moon passes Venus.

17 11:00 p.m. Moon farthest, distance 253,000 miles.

26 11:52 p.m. Moon in first quarter.

Subtract one hour for CST, two hours for MST, and three for PST.

Science News Letter, November 23, 1957



TALE OF TWO DISCS

Do you remember Deverges, that scoutmaster who lived a strange adventure with a flying saucer, back in 1952? Do you remember what Ruppelt wrote about him in Report on UFO's

Many years have passed by since the strange happening in Florida and it is possible that you don't recollect all details. Some of them were very strange indeed and no satisfactory explanation has ever been given either by Project Blue Book or any official agency. Ruppelt interviewed the scoutmaster and investigated the spot where a weird machine had hovered, discovering that the roots of the vegetation on that particular spot were unaccountably charred. Unable to crush the story as told by Deverges, Ruppelt destroyed the scoutmaster's reputation and the whole affair was dismissed by official and unofficial investigators as a hoax. The whole story is worth reading. The book written by Ruppelt is full of reticences and dubious meanings and deals widely a la Ruppelt with his own experiences while heading Project Blue Book. It is impossible to deny that the book is very good, but to the casual reader it seems to destroy even solidly established facts about saucers, because as the head of Project Blue Book "Ruppelt should know what he is talking about", but to mature UFOlogists the book might be said to have been written for the sole purpose of confusing the whole subject. In many instances the confusing method was craftily introduced and it is apparent that the author evaded legal action by the persons concerned, by changing or omitting their names. Deverges, for instance, is simply designated as "the scoutmaster" while Chrisman, Dahl and Arnold when massacred by Ruppelt in the Mearry Island affair had their names changed to Jackson, Richards and Simpson. How would it be possible to an un-named scoutmaster or to non-existent Jacksons, Richard and Simpsons to take legal action against Ruppelt? The ex-Chief of Project Blue Book got away unchallenged and this circumstance plus the officious character of his book has given him credit and discredit to ~~other people concerned~~.

This, perhaps, is no longer important. The important, according to M. K. Jessup is to find a common denominator for certain phenomena and this seems to have been found in Brazil very recently: a saucer apparently landed and left ashy roots to perfectly fresh vegetation. The story has been published by A Gazeta of Vitoria, Brazil in January 12, 1958. Here's what happened: Moacyr Silva, reporter of A Gazeta heard that a flying disc had landed in a farm in the village of Sao Marcos, 24 kilometers from Colatina in the state of Espirito Santo. The thing had happened on December 16, 1957, but the news only reached the reporter at the beginning of January. It was so amazing that Silva decided to go to the place and investigate. Now we quote from his story:

"Arriving at Colatina I contacted the authorities on the chance that they knew about the landing. The authorities said I should look for Senhor João Campo Dallorto in Sao Marcos. Arriving there I heard from him what I already knew and it was decided to go to the farm.

"A little caravan comprising Mr. Joao Campo, Nelson Campo, Antonio Campo, Anacleto Dasso, myself and my wife, succeeded in reaching the spot, regardless of the bad weather and the immense toil. From a great distance I could see the exact spot where the disc had hovered: a circular deep-green ring had been left over a hill. During the trip to Sao Marcos Mr. Campo supplied many details to the case: Mrs. Teresa Bonella, wife of Mr. Marcolino Bonella, local farmers, had seen a great circular object hovering over the pasture on the slope of a little hill in front of her home. The distance between the hill and the ranch home was about 300 meters (1,000 feet). The lower part of the great structure shined intensely. Scared Mrs. Bonella called her grown-up sons who were inside the ranch, but when they arrived at the window the thing had disappeared. Perhaps the strange fact would be dismissed without further ado, but for the dark-green ring left in the grass where the thing had hovered or landed. It contrasted strongly with the yellow color of grass all around. (During Autumn and Summer in this latitude, vegetation gets the same burnt color of the Fall in northern United States).

"At the place where the disc had been we verified that the ring was circular in shape. Its diameter measured 17,4 meters (about 50 feet) and its periphery 53 meters (about 160 feet). The width of the strip forming the ring was half a meter (about 20 inches). On the north side of the ring there was some sort of concavity distorting the circular shape. This concavity was called by the local inhabitants "the door". The thing had hovered in the slope of the hill so that there's a difference



of 3,5 meters (10 feet) between the highest and lowest edge of the ring, the highest being on the east side.

East

North      the door      yellow grass      green grass      South  
yellow grass all around

West

"Strange though it looked, we noticed that the ring made by the deep green grass was constituted by the same kind of vegetation of the entire pasture. It had become instantly deep green, soft and breakable as fresh grass as the object left. The grass inside the ring seemed to have been treated with some miraculous fertilizer. We also constated the presence of something looking like violet ink near "the door". That sort of ink stained our hands and papers. We tried hard to explain its provenance from any "terrestrial" source around the place, but failed. About 450 meters (1,350 feet) east of the ring we found a strange hole in the ground. It was perfectly round in its upper edge, measuring 5 mm (3/16ths of an inch) in diameter, 18 centimeters deep (about 7 inches) tapering toward the bottom. Without knowing why we thought that it could have been caused by some special sonde or probe. There was nothing in the vicinity that might have explained the hole. We extracted some grass from the ring and noticed that the roots were slightly phosphorescent and surrounded by what seemed to be minute fungi. Also beneath the surface of the earth or ground, it was all ashes, although the grass was perfectly fresh and is now preferred by the grazing cattle, so much so that the green grass is now disappearing. No radioactivity was detected and it was later ascertained that the violet ink contained no toxics. There are many more details that would take too long a time to enumerate.

"After getting around many difficulties, I succeeded in meeting Mrs. Bonella. This lady was rather scared of talking about what she had seen because some unscrupulous people had threatened her with prison if she revealed to anybody what she had seen. Here's what she told me: 'I was sitting by the table in the living room about 16:30, when I raised my eyes toward the pasture and noticed that an object of great proportions was over the grass in the hill. It was as light colored as the leaves of the white imbauba (milky) and its lower part was intensely phosphorescent. The object was shaped like two basins inverted against each other. I think I observed the object for about three minutes, when all of sudden I felt scared and went shouting for my sons. When they arrived nothing could be seen but the strange dark green ring over the hill. From the distance they said it probably was coal dust left by someone.'

"Mrs. Bonella is a respectable lady of 65 with five grown up sons. She is a local farmer, mentally lucid and loved by her neighbors. Her statements deserve credit. Perhaps it should be known that she has never heard about the existence of unidentified flying objects, living in so remote a place. The news got around three days after the strange happening, when farmer Juvencio Passamani, a neighbor learned about it and started talking.

"The photographic documentary with details was extremely difficult to be obtained due to the bad weather. Also the hilly country did not afford a chance for good photos. Only from a great distance and using photo-lens was it possible to secure a few shots of the ring. As to the material caught in the spot, further analysis are being made. Samples of the vegetation are being reared in other places for future observation."

Here we have something strange indeed. We have already written to Moacyr Silva requesting a few prints of the photos taken and further details, but so far no answer has come. Funny about Mrs. Bonella being threatened, isn't it? Don't you think this event somewhat resembles the Doverges case? Espirito Santo is the hottest radioactive state in Brazil.



No Case (Information Only)

16 December 1957

Old Saybrook, Connecticut

One of the most unusual sightings related to the Two-State UFO Study Group for Adults was an encounter in December, 1957 by a retired school teacher, Mrs. Mary Starr of Old Saybrook, Conn., who reported a closeup sighting of a cigar-shaped object, having lights, windows, and at least four passengers, which hovered near her home on this close encounter. Her story, though 'fantastic', seems to ring of truth.

## Little Men in Flying Cigar: That's What Teacher Saw

By Ralph Chapman

OLD SAYBROOK, Conn., Apr. 26.—Mrs. Mary Starr is a school teacher living here in semi-retirement. She has a bachelor's degree from Middlebury, a master's degree from Yale. She has taught in China and Japan as well as the United States, has traveled widely and speaks several languages.

This is the story she told as we sat before a crackling fire in the living room of her cottage on Long Island Sound:

"I was alone that night (Dec. 16, 1957) so I went to bed early, about 10 o'clock. Sometime between two and three in the morning, I was awakened by a bright light in my room. I looked out the window and there was what I first thought was a crippled airplane in my back garden.

### What She Saw

"But when I got my eyes really open, I saw that it was a cigar-shaped object, brightly lit and with square port holes, hovering above my clothesline. I could see three men inside. An antenna poked up from what seemed to be the tail of this object. There was no sound.

"After about five minutes it turned at right angle and I could see that it was so shallow that the men could not have been more than three and a half or four feet tall. It glided out of my garden, rose almost vertically, and then disappeared."

### Agencies Given Report

Mrs. Starr described the incident with no more emotion than if she had been telling about the visit of a friend. The story was accepted in the same manner by Richard Hall and Donald Neill, members of the staff of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial

Phenomena in Washington; and Miss Isabel Davis, a member of Civilian Saucer Intelligence in New York.

NICAP, as it is known, is dedicated to the idea that the Air Force is not giving the public all the information it should have on "flying saucers," technically known as "unidentified flying objects." Civilian Saucer Intelligence operates along similar lines but on a smaller scale. Both organizations believe that many UFO "sightings" are interplanetary vehicles which have approached or landed on the earth.

Officially, the Air Force has never admitted such a possibility.

Mr. Hall puffed on a pipe, stretched his legs toward the open fire and charged the Air Force with:

1. Failing to investigate all UFO reports.
2. Being too superficial in many cases where it does investigate.
3. Refusing to make findings in specific cases available to independent investigators, even scientists.
4. Publishing evaluations of "sightings" which do not jibe with the available facts.

### Want Inquiry by Congress

NICAP makes its own investigations wherever possible and insists that the results are at wide variance from those reported by the Air Force.

Immediate objective of the organization is to get a full-dress Congressional investigation of the whole subject. Longer range objectives are "public education" and a truly scientific study of UFOs, a project for which NICAP does not have the money at the present time.



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 DEC. 21, 1957 PONTA PORAN, BRAZIL (LORENZEN P 138) 6 WITNESSES00  
 MRS. IVONNE TORRES DE MENDONCA, HER THREE CHILDREN, HER SERVANT MISS BRUNA,01  
 AND HER YOUNG DRIVER, MARCIO GONCALVES (SEE REPORT FOR MARCH 1958), WERET 02  
 TRAVELING BY JEEP FROM HER FARM TO THE VILLAGE OF PONTA PORAN. IN PLACES THE 03  
 ROAD RAN ALMOST PARALLEL TO THE FRONTIER OF PARAGUAY. LOW-HANGING CLOUDS 04  
 COVERED THE SKY AND NIGHT HAD COME EARLY. SUDDENLY AT 6.30 P.M. FAR AWAY TO 05  
 THE SOUTH, MRS. MENDONCA SPOTTED A LARGE BALL OF LIGHT ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE 06  
 FULL MOON. IT APPEARED TO BE CLOSE TO THE GROUND BUT SHE KNEW IT COULDN'T BE 07  
 ANOTHER CAR AS THERE WERE NO OTHER ROADS IN THAT AREA. THE LITTLE PARTY DROVE08  
 ON AS THEY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE THING. THE LIGHT THEN 09  
 STARTED MOVING RAPIDLY IN THEIR DIRECTION, AND THEY REALIZED IT WAS NOT ONE 10  
 BUT TWO SPHERICAL, LUMINOUS OBJECTS FLYING SIDE BY SIDE. THE OBJECTS 11  
 APPROACHED THE JEEP SILENTLY, GRADUALLY INCREASING THE GAP BETWEEN EACH OTHER 12  
 SO THAT WHEN THEY WERE NEAR, EACH OBJECT WAS FLYING ALONG A SIDE OF THE ROAD. 13  
 THEY FOLLOWED A HORIZONTAL COURSE BUT OSCILLATED FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER IN14  
 A STRANGE WOBBLING MOTION AND APPEARED TO SPIN ON THEIR OWN AXES. THEN ONE OF15  
 THEM STOPPED IN MID-AIR AND DIVED TOWARD THE GROUND -- STOPPING A FEW FEET 16  
 ABOVE IT AND ABOUT SIXTY FEET FROM THE JEEP. THE OTHER OBJECT KEPT 17  
 MANEUVERING IN CIRCLES ABOVE THE JEEP, OCCASIONALLY GETTING UNCOMFORTABLY 18  
 CLOSE. THE OUTLINES OF THE OBJECTS COULD NOT BE SEEN CLEARLY BECAUSE OF THE 19  
 INTENSE LIGHT THEY EMITTED, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED THAT THE OBJECTS WERE SHAPED 20  
 LIKE A SPHEROID ENCIRCLED BY A RING AT THE EQUATOR -- SIMILAR TO THE PLANET 21  
 SATURN. BOTH WERE OF THE SAME SIZE AND OF TWO COLORS -- THE UPPER HEMISPHERE 22  
 AND THE RING A FIERY RED, THE LOWER HEMISPHERE SURROUNDED BY A BRIGHT SILVER- 23  
 WHITE GLOW. THE OBJECTS WERE EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND INTERMITTENTLY SENT 24  
 BRILLIANT JETS OF LIGHT TOWARD THE JEEP. 25  
 ALL OF THE GROUP WERE FRIGHTENED. THE ROAD WAS DESERTED AND THEY DID NOT 26  
 KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT. ONE CHILD, FERNANDO, WAS ALMOST PARALYZED WITH FEAR27  
 AND THE OTHERS HAD BEGUN TO CRY. MRS. MENDONCA INSTRUCTED MARCIO NOT TO STOP 28  
 THE CAR, AND HE BEGAN TO DRIVE FASTER. BUT THE EERIE OBJECTS STAYED WITH 29  
 THEM, SOMETIMES VERY CLOSE, SOMETIMES INCREASING THEIR DISTANCE FROM THE JEEP.30  
 AT TIMES ONE OBJECT WOULD GET AHEAD OF THE JEEP AND SHINE A BRILLIANT LIGHT ON31  
 THE OCCUPANTS, WHILE THE OTHER FOLLOWED CLOSELY BEHIND, APPARENTLY OBSERVING 32  
 THEM. AT OTHER TIMES ONE OBJECT WOULD FLY ABOVE THEM AND DIRECT BEAMS OF 33  
 LIGHT AT THEM, WHILE THE OTHER DIVED TOWARD THE JEEP AT HIGH SPEED. MARCIO 34  
 HAD DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING THE VEHICLE. 35  
 THIS STRANGE CHASE LASTED FOR TWO HOURS UNTIL THE LITTLE PARTY REACHED 36  
 PONTA PORAN. ONLY TWICE DURING THE NIGHTMARISH EXPERIENCE DID THE JEEP STOP 37  
 -- ONCE TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION AND ONCE TO SEE IF THE OBJECTS WERE 38  
 INTERESTED IN A MOTIONLESS VEHICLE -- THEY WERE. EACH TIME THE JEEP PULLED TO39  
 A STOP THE REACTION OF THE OBJECTS WAS INSTANTANEOUS -- THEY WOULD BOTH DIVE 40  
 AT HIGH SPEED. ONE WOULD HOVER, THROWING A BEAM OF LIGHT ON THE GROUND WHILE 41  
 THE OTHER WOULD APPROACH THE ILLUMINATED SPOT. IT DID NOT LAND -- IT APPEARED42  
 TO HOVER MOTIONLESS ABOVE THE GROUND AND ITS BRILLIANCY WOULD DECREASE. THEN 43  
 THE JEEP'S OCCUPANTS GOT THEIR FIRST REAL LOOK AT THE OBJECT. IT APPEARED TO 44  
 BE A HUGE METALLIC SPHERE, ABOUT FIFTEEN FEET IN DIAMETER, ENCIRCLED AT THE 45  
 CENTER BY A LARGE, APPARENTLY ROTATING METALLIC RING. THE OBSERVERS SAW NO 46  
 DOORS, WINDOWS OR PORTHOLES. THERE WAS NO SOUND, NO HEAT, NO ODOR. 47  
 WHEN THE JEEP BEGAN TO MOVE AGAIN, THE OBJECTS FOLLOWED, AND WHEN THE JEEP 48  
 APPROACHED THE TOWN THE OBJECTS MOVED AWAY. BUT WHEN MARCIO STOPPED TO REFILL49  
 THE GAS TANK, THE WEIRD GLOBES MADE ANOTHER APPEARANCE. \*LANDING\* AGAIN, BUT 50  
 THIS TIME THEY REMAINED NEAR THE GROUND FOR SOME FEET. THEN CLIMBING 51  
 INTO THE SKY AND APPARENTLY WATCHING UNTIL THE JEEP ARRIVED IN PONTA 52  
 PORAN. THERE MRS. MENDONCA LOOKED FOR THE OBJECTS, BUT THEY WERE GONE. LATER53  
 SHE AND SOME OF HER GROUP RETURNED TO WHERE THE LAST LANDING HAD TAKEN PLACE 54  
 AND FOUND AN ODD LUMINOUS HAZE FLOATING IN THE AIR ABOVE WHERE THE OBJECT HAD 55  
 HOVERED. THEY WATCHED IT SLOWLY DISSOLVE IN THE FAINT WIND BLOWING FROM THE 56  
 NORTH, AND THEY SAW ONE OF THE OBJECTS DISAPPEARING INTO THE WEST, IN THE 57  
 DIRECTION OF THE FRONTIER. 58